AN AMAZING SPIDER-MAN EVENT

DEAD NO MORE: THE CLONE CONSPIRACY™

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When science geek Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider, he was imbued with amazing abilities: the proportional strength and speed of a spider, adhesive fingertips and toes, and a precognitive awareness of danger called "spider-sense." After inadvertently playing a part in the death of his Uncle Ben, Peter learned that with great power there must also come great responsibility, and now fights crime as the web-slinging, wall-crawling wonder called...

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Recently, a pharmaceutical company called New U has been delivering medical miracles to willing test subjects who have been failed by standard medicine. But when one of their patients set off Peter Parker's spider-sense, he decided that the situation warranted a closer look – as The Amazing Spider-Man!

What Peter discovered was nothing short of a nightmare. New U was secretly being run by the Jackal, one of Spider-Man's oldest foes. For months, he's been using his technology to bring Spider-Man's long lost friends, foes, and loved ones back from the dead! Why on Earth would he do that?

Meanwhile, Kaine Parker, one of the Jackal's very first clones, has made an even more terrifying discovery – whatever the Jackal's been doing at New U has happened on other Earths across the Multiverse, and on every one of them, the people who have received New U treatments have turned into infectious, zombie-like creatures called Carrions.

Together, he and Gwen Stacy of Earth-65 developed a plan to stop the Jackal, and Gwen has been operating as a mole at New U for weeks. But when her cover was blown as a result of Spider-Man's snooping, they had no choice but to run for their lives!

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NEW U HEADQUARTERS.

FASTER! YOU HEAR THAT SCRITCHING AND SCRATCHING BACK THERE?

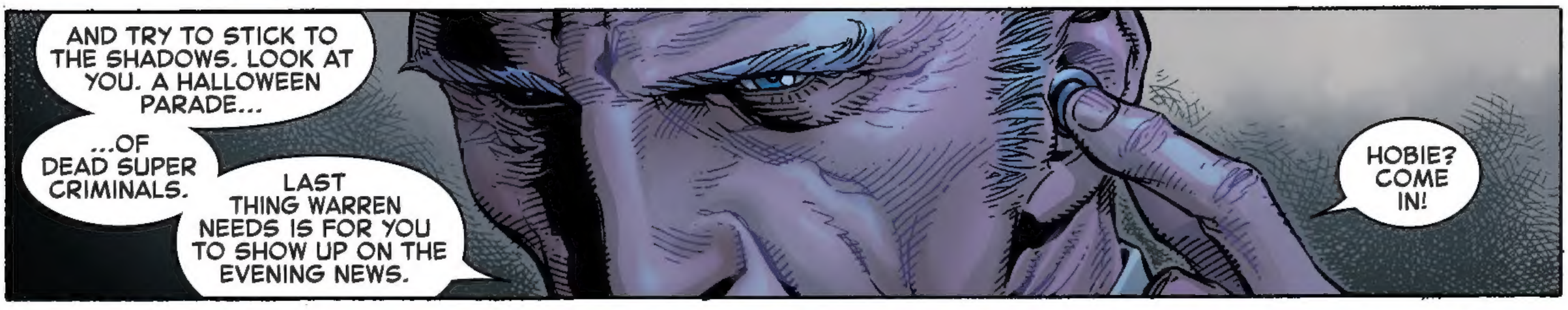
I KNOW THAT SOUND. THAT'S THE *LIZARD* CRAWLING UP AFTER US!

Y'KNOW BACK ON EARTH-65, *MY* EARTH...

...*YOU* WERE THE LIZARD. I MEAN, THAT'S *WEIRD*, RIGHT?

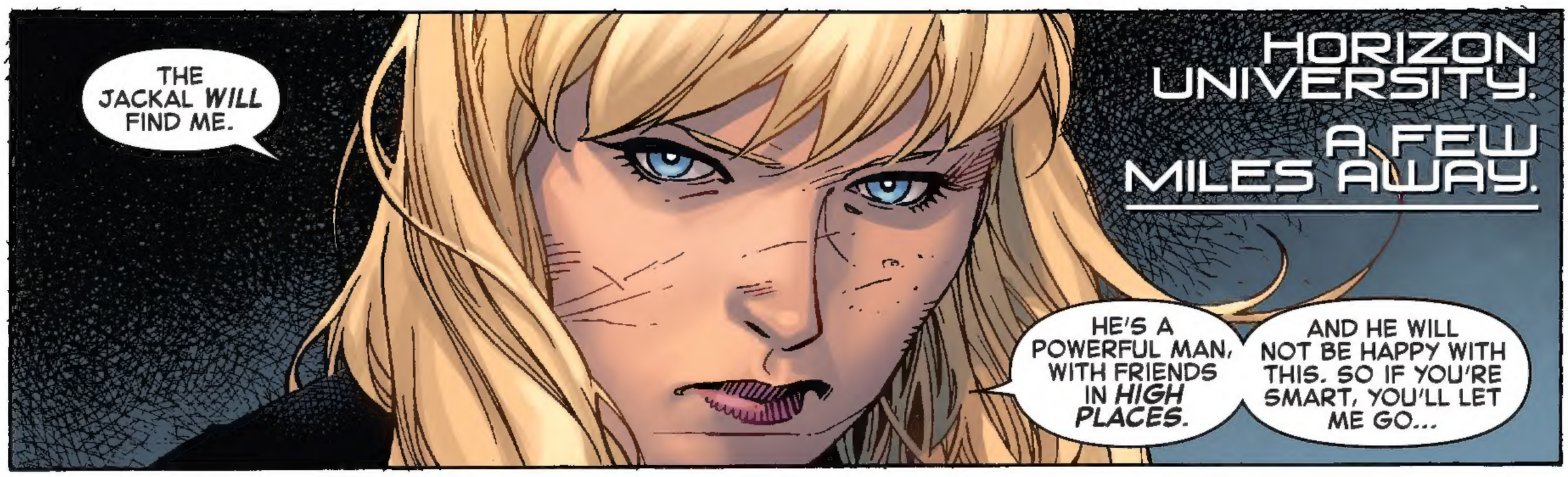
...MY BOSSSS, THE JACKAL, WISHES YOU NO HARM.
HMM. MY SPIDER-SENSE ISN'T TINGLING. YOURS?
NOTHIN'.
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.
THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?
YUP.
FWAKK
NOT FAIR!
YEAH. HOWEVER WILL I SLEEP AT NIGHT?
THWIP
NOW THAT WE'VE FINALLY GOT A MOMENT, MS. SPIDER-POWERED GWEN OF EARTH-65...
...WHAT'S UP WITH YOU POPPING BY MY DIMENSION ALL THE TIME AND NEVER SAYING "HI"?
"ALL THE TIME"?
I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A STANDING BRUNCH WITH SPIDER-WOMAN. YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT. WE TALK.

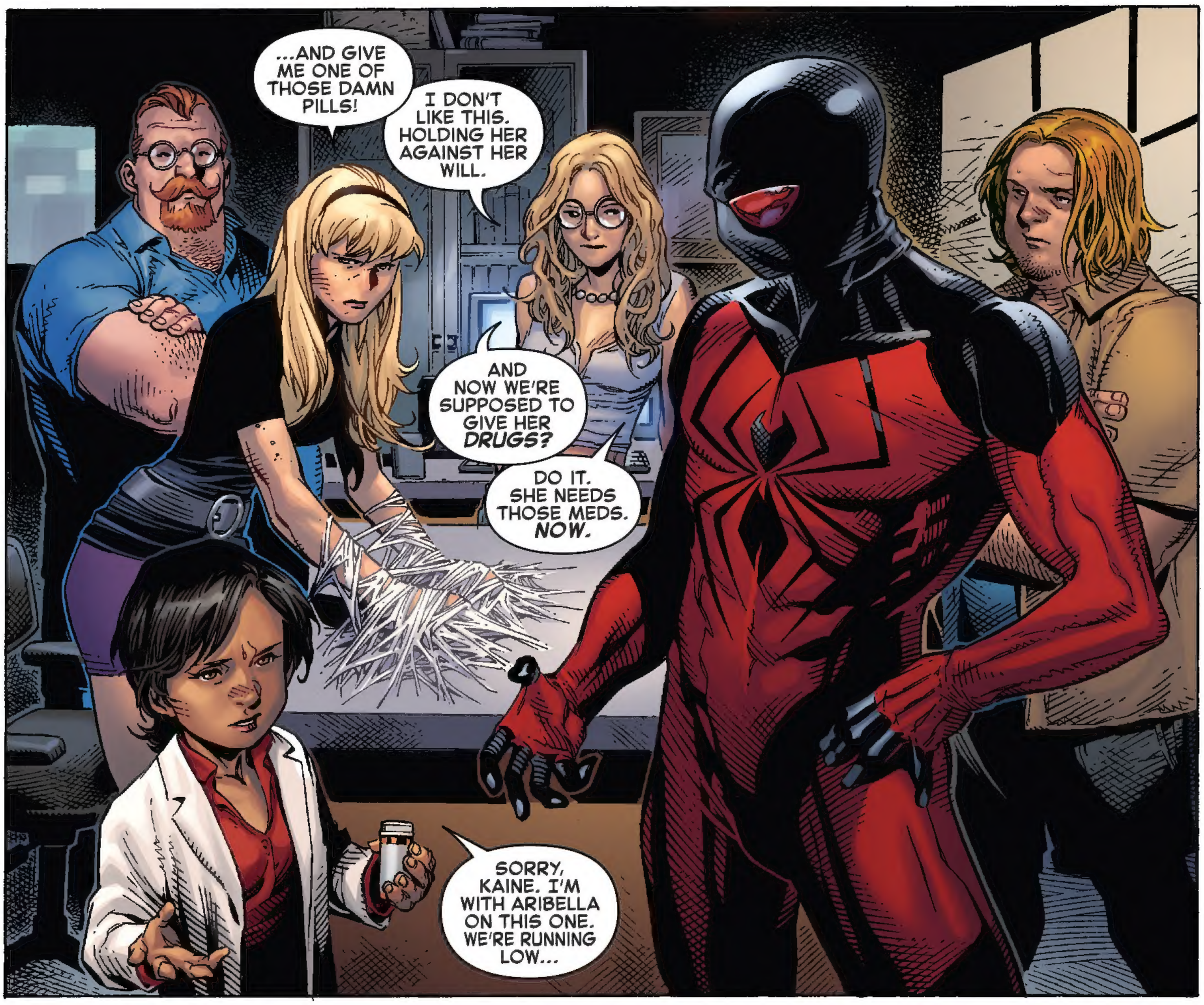
ALL OF YOU, FAN OUT. FIND THEM.
WHOEVER THAT IMPOSTER IS, SHE'S TAKEN MY DAUGHTER'S PLACE AND SHE'S THE ONLY LEAD WE HAVE TO FINDING GWEN.
MY GWEN.
EVERYONE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR. FIRST HINT OF FUNNY BUSINESS, NO PILLS TONIGHT. FOR ANY OF YOU.


AND TRY TO STICK TO THE SHADOWS. LOOK AT YOU. A HALLOWEEN PARADE...
...OF DEAD SUPER CRIMINALS.
LAST THING WARREN NEEDS IS FOR YOU TO SHOW UP ON THE EVENING NEWS.
HOBIE? COME IN!

I'M ON THE ROOF. NO SIGN OF THEM...EXCEPT FOR A BUSTED GRATE.
HOLD ON. MY SUIT'S GETTING SOMETHING. A HEAT SIGNATURE.
FLIERS! I NEED YOU TO DOUBLE BACK AND HEAD EAST. COPY?

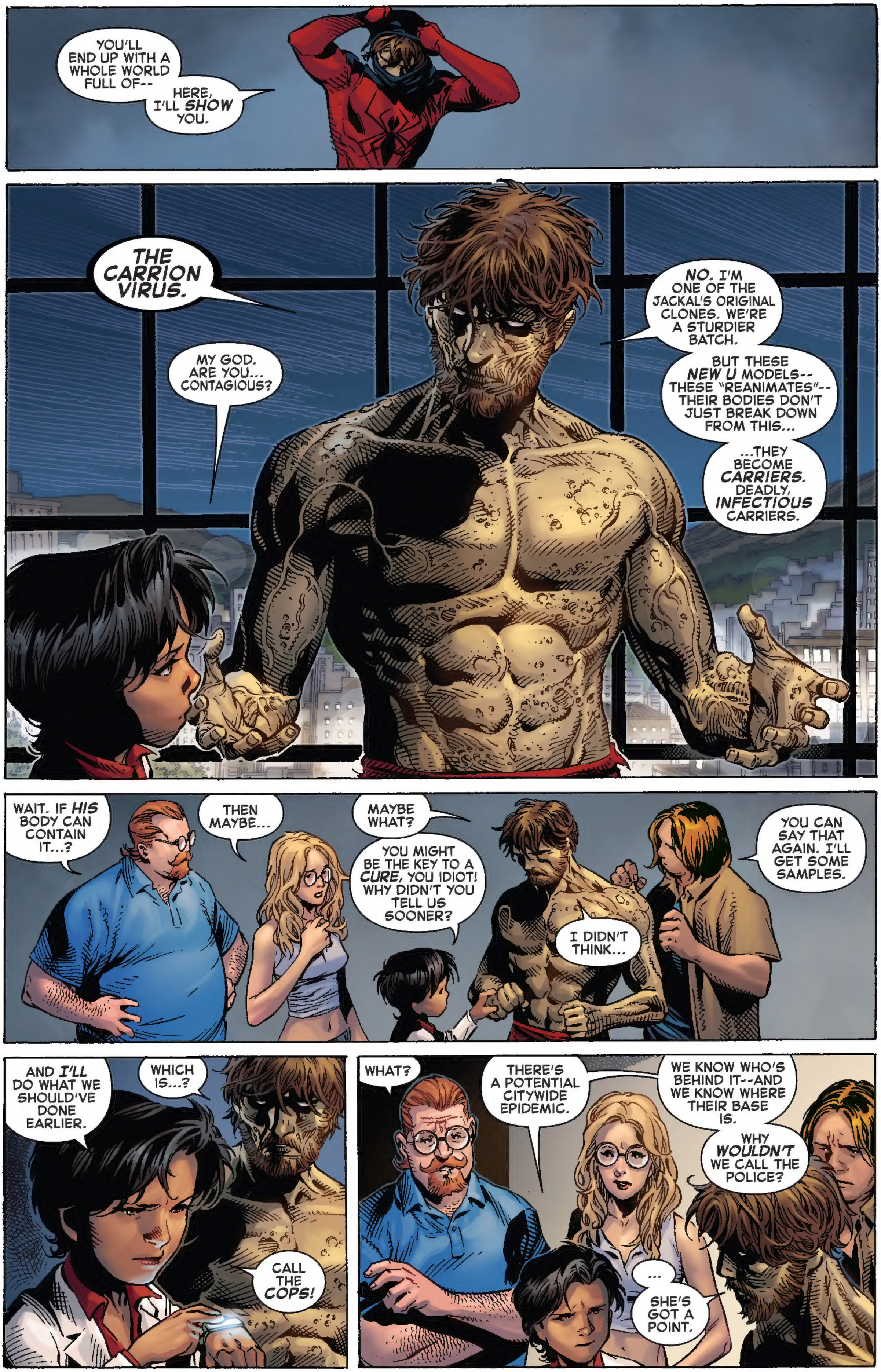
HAMILTON HERE.
I THOUGHT I SAW THEM GO THIS--
SHUT UP! YOU HEARD HIM. EAST!

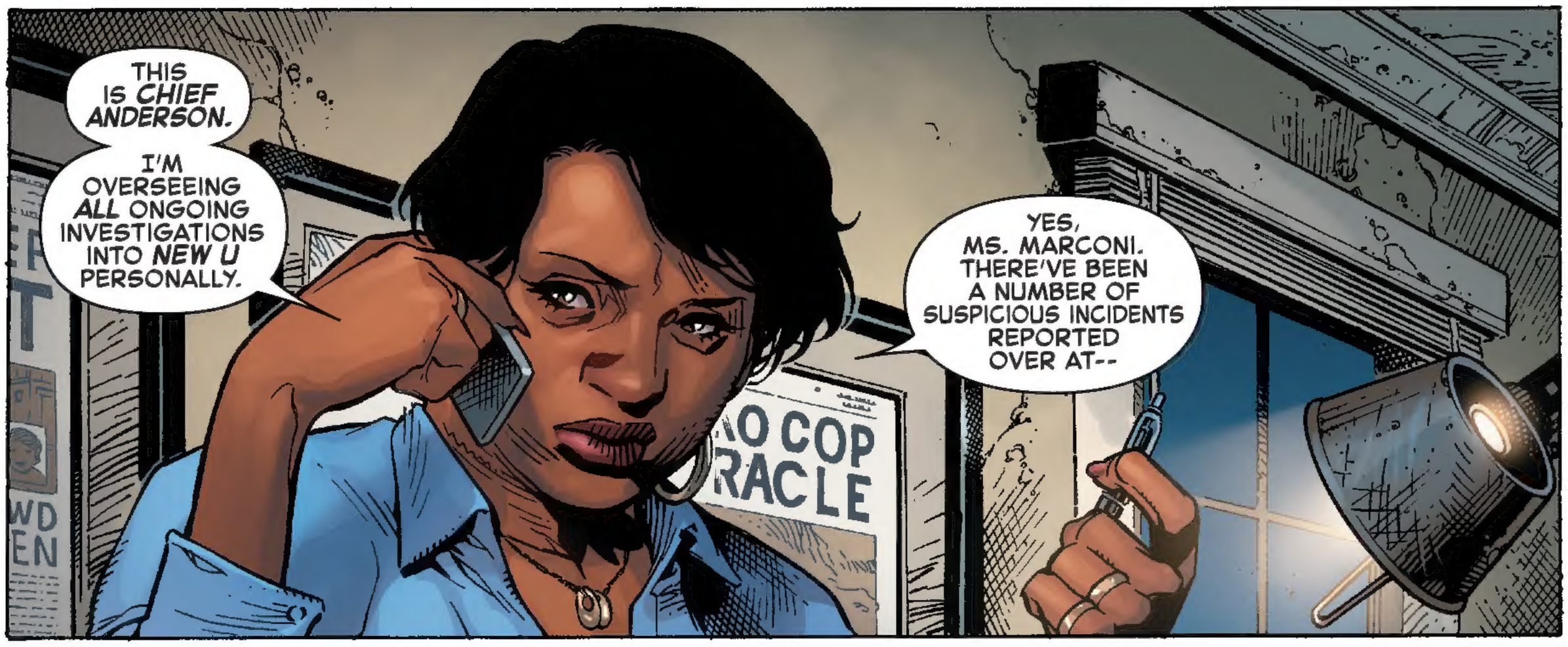

THE JACKAL *WILL* FIND ME.
HORIZON UNIVERSITY. A FEW MILES AWAY.
HE'S A POWERFUL MAN, WITH FRIENDS IN *HIGH PLACES*.
AND HE WILL NOT BE HAPPY WITH THIS. SO IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL LET ME GO...

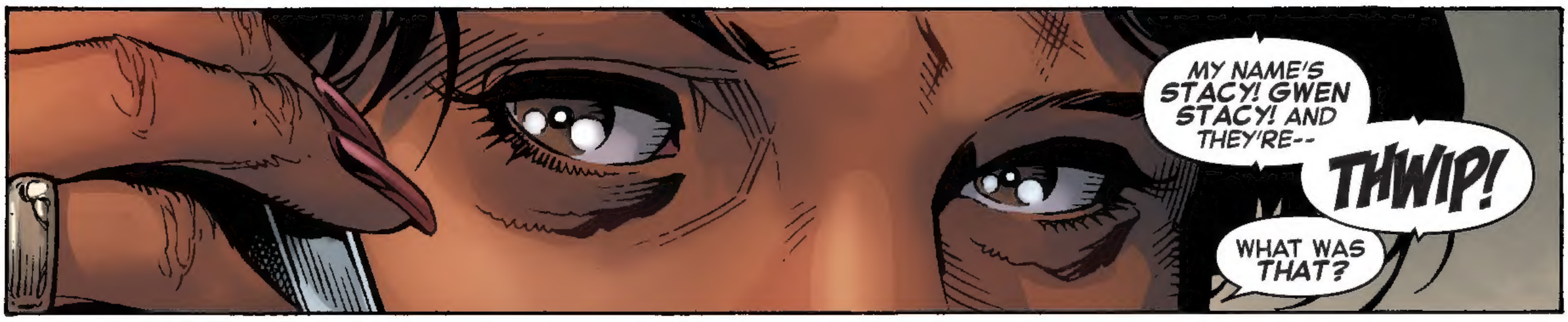

...AND GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE DAMN PILLS!
I DON'T LIKE THIS. HOLDING HER AGAINST HER WILL.
AND NOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GIVE HER *DRUGS?*
DO IT. SHE NEEDS THOSE MEDS. *NOW.*
SORRY, KAINE. I'M WITH ARIBELLA ON THIS ONE. WE'RE RUNNING LOW...

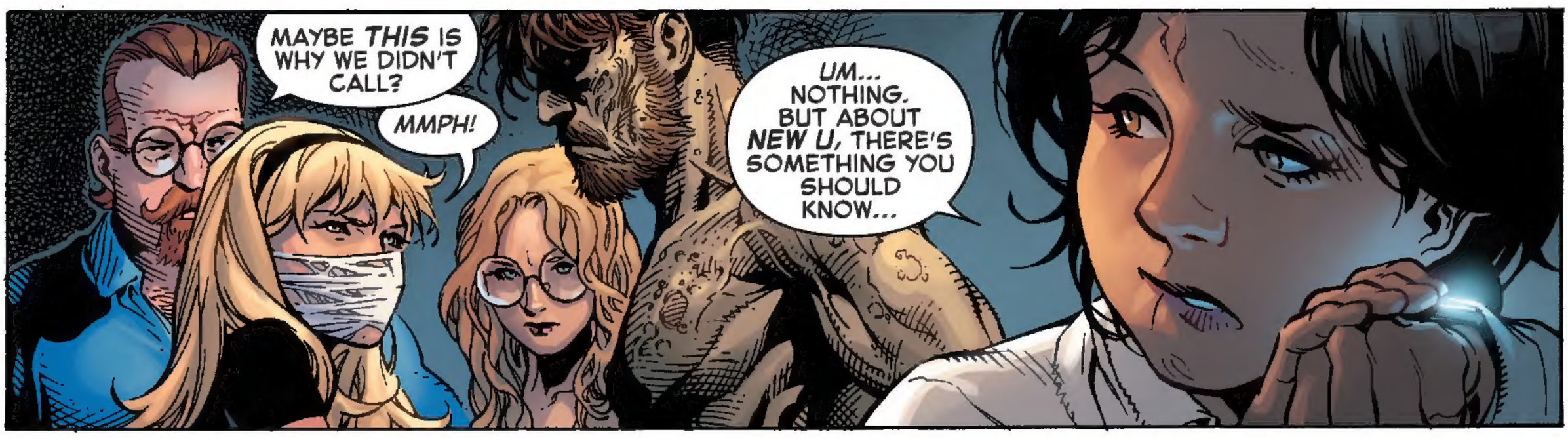
...AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S IN THESE PILLS.
WHICH MEANS WE *DEFINITELY* CAN'T REPLICATE THEM. YET.
THEN GIVE HER HALF A DOSE. ANYTHING. IF YOU DON'T...

WHAT? HER CELLS DESTABILIZE, RIGHT?
YES. AND THAT'D BE BAD.
HOW BAD?
THIS. ALL OF THIS IN RUINS. *THAT* BAD. I-- I'VE SEEN IT HAPPEN.

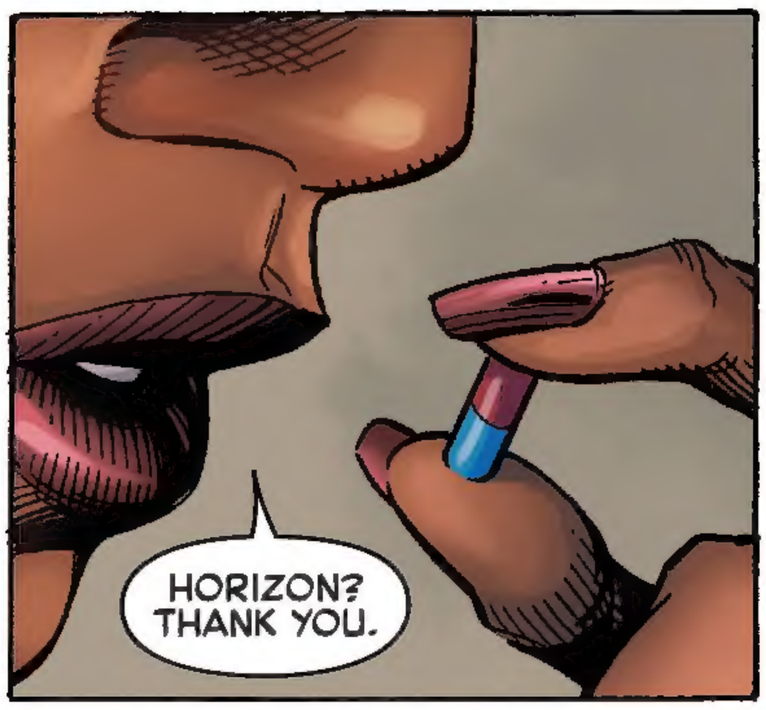

YOU'LL END UP WITH A WHOLE WORLD FULL OF--
HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU.
THE CARRION VIRUS.
MY GOD. ARE YOU... CONTAGIOUS?
NO. I'M ONE OF THE JACKAL'S ORIGINAL CLONES. WE'RE A STURDIER BATCH.
BUT THESE NEW U MODELS-- THESE "REANIMATES"-- THEIR BODIES DON'T JUST BREAK DOWN FROM THIS...
...THEY BECOME CARRIERS. DEADLY, INFECTIOUS CARRIERS.
WAIT. IF HIS BODY CAN CONTAIN IT...?
THEN MAYBE...
MAYBE WHAT?
YOU MIGHT BE THE KEY TO A CURE, YOU IDIOT! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US SOONER?
I DIDN'T THINK...
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN. I'LL GET SOME SAMPLES.
AND I'LL DO WHAT WE SHOULD'VE DONE EARLIER.
WHICH IS...?
CALL THE COPS!
WHAT?
THERE'S A POTENTIAL CITYWIDE EPIDEMIC.
WE KNOW WHO'S BEHIND IT--AND WE KNOW WHERE THEIR BASE IS.
WHY WOULDN'T WE CALL THE POLICE?
...
SHE'S GOT A POINT.


THIS IS CHIEF ANDERSON.
I'M OVERSEEING ALL ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS INTO NEW U PERSONALLY.
YES, MS. MARCONI. THERE'VE BEEN A NUMBER OF SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS REPORTED OVER AT--


MY NAME'S STACY! GWEN STACY! AND THEY'RE--
THWIP!
WHAT WAS THAT?


MAYBE THIS IS WHY WE DIDN'T CALL?
MMPH!
UM... NOTHING. BUT ABOUT NEW U, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW...

THAT SOUNDS SERIOUS. THE S.F.P.D. WILL LOOK INTO IT RIGHT AWAY.
OF COURSE, I'LL NEED TO SEND SOMEONE OVER TO GET A COMPLETE STATEMENT.
WHERE ARE YOU AGAIN?


HORIZON? THANK YOU.

DAILY BUGLE
POLICE CHIEF
SHOT
HERO DEFENDS CRO
FROM 4 GUNME
HERO COP
MIRACLE
MAKES FULL
RECOVERY

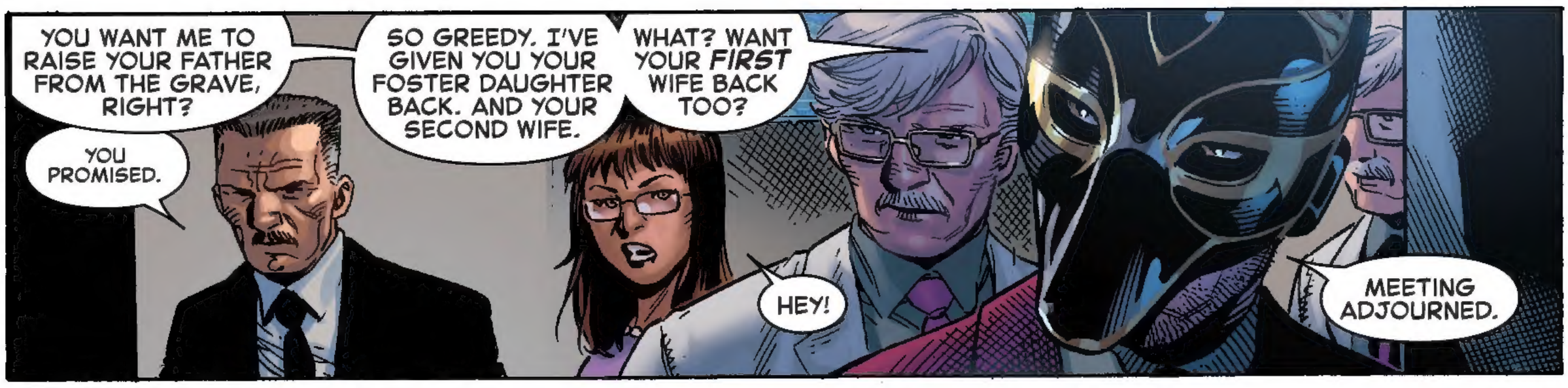
NEW U HEADQUARTERS.
THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE, CHIEF. YOU'RE A CREDIT...
...TO THE NEW U FAMILY.
I-I'M RUNNING LOW ON MY PRESCRIPTION.
NO WORRIES. I'LL SEND SOMEONE OVER. THEY JUST HAVE A STOP TO MAKE FIRST.
LET ME GUESS. YOU'RE SENDING ME TO COLLEGE?
TOP MARKS, FRANCINE.

TAKE RHINO WITH YOU. BRING ME BACK MY GWEN, AND...
...TRY NOT TO ELECTROCUTE ANYONE THIS TIME.
STAY ON MESSAGE. I'M ABOUT BRINGING PEOPLE BACK FROM THE DEAD.

BOSS, WE'RE BEHIND SCHEDULE. THE BIG MEETING?
EH. REMEMBER WHEN BEING A MAD SCIENTIST WAS ABOUT SCIENCE?
NOW IT'S ALL MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS.
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU TRY TO REMAKE THE WORLD INTO A BETTER PLACE.

LOOK AT YOU ALL. FDA, ARMED FORCES, MEDIA MOGULS, FORMERLY DEAD SPOUSES.
I ALMOST FEEL UNDERDRESSED.
TODAY WE MOVE TO PHASE TWO!
MORE NEW U FACTORIES. LESS GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT. AND FREE PROCEDURES TO FALLEN SOLDIERS.

I JUST KNOW YOU CAN SELL THE PUBLIC ON THAT, MR. JAMESON.
OF--OF COURSE, WARREN. BUT I--
THERE'S THAT PESKY "BUT" OF YOURS. LET ME GUESS...



THE NONSENSE I HAVE TO DEAL WITH. LIKE THE WORLD'S GOING TO SAVE ITSELF.

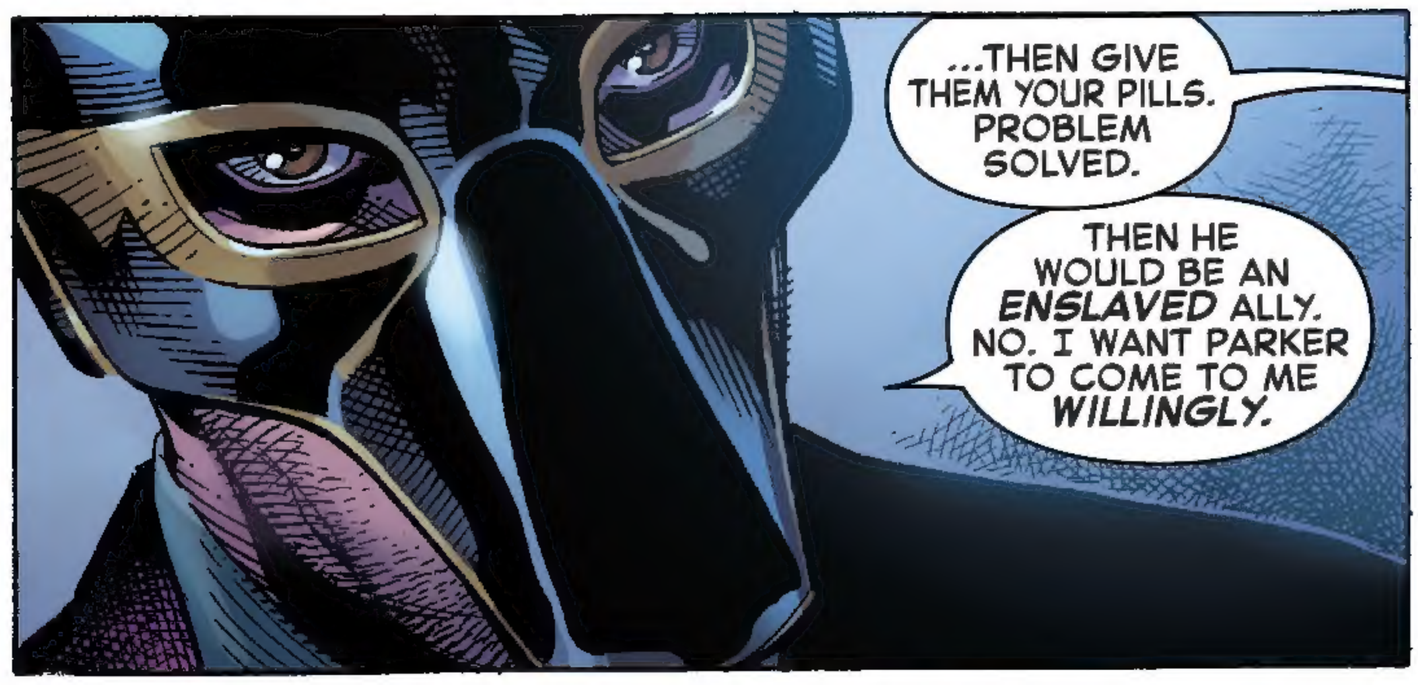
AH. THE GOOD DOCTOR. HOW GOES IT, OCTAVIUS?

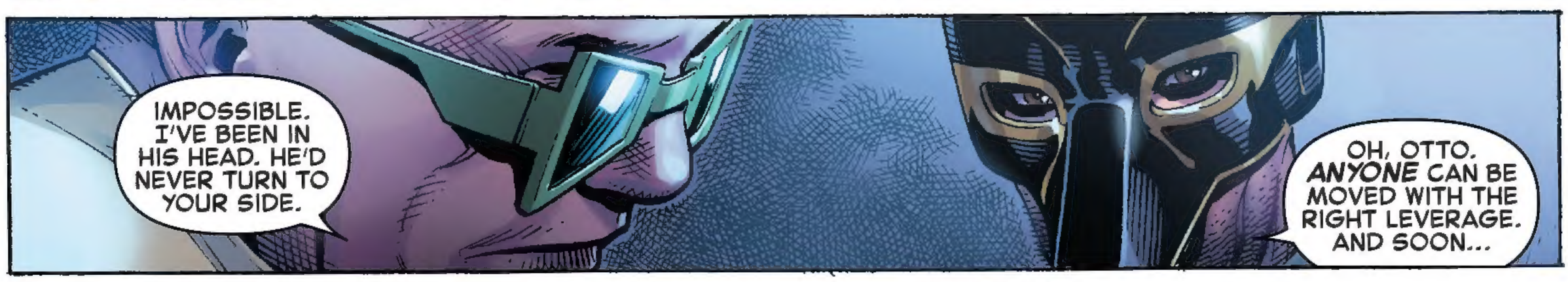
YOU SEE *THIS?* A PROTO CLONE! THE *NEXT* EVOLUTION IN HOST BODIES!

STRONGER! BETTER DEVELOPED! READY TO BE IMPRINTED!

BUT NOW I MUST STOP *EVERYTHING* SO WE CAN MOVE TO A *SECOND* LOCATION! *WHY?!*

EXPLAIN!





"...I'LL HAVE EXACTLY WHAT HE MOST WANTS."
SO THERE IS A REAL GWEN OUT THERE? I MEAN A CLONE GWEN. FROM THIS NEW PROCEDURE.
YEAH. I JUST SWAPPED PLACES WITH HER. WHICH MEANT HIDING ALL MY SPIDER-GEAR. FEEL KINDA WEIRD WITHOUT IT.
OH, SORRY, HERE. SPARE WEB-SHOOTER. THAT HELP?
SPEAKING OF HELP...
RIGHT. THERE'S NO WAY WE SHOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET AWAY FROM ALL THOSE BADDIES.
I THINK PROWLER GAVE US AN ASSIST BACK THERE.
SO I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE UNDERCOVER?
I HAVE NO IDEA. ABOUT EITHER OF YOU. WHY ALL THE SECRETS?
I GET THAT YOU'RE WORKING WITH KAINE, BUT WHY NOT BRING ME IN ON THIS TOO?
KAINE! I SHOULD CHECK IN WITH HIM. SEE IF HE'S OKAY.
NICE PIVOT. ANSWER THE QUESTION.
ONE SEC. KAINE, DO YOU--?
CAN'T TALK! HORIZON UNDER ATTACK! RHINO AND ELECTRO! THEY'RE-- SKKZZ
GUESS OUR "TRUST ISSUES" WILL HAVE TO WAIT! FOLLOW ME!
HORIZON'S ACROSS TOWN, BUT I KNOW HOW WE CAN GET THERE FASTER!
THAN WEB-SWINGING?
OH YEAH! MUCH FASTER!

HORIZON UNIVERSITY

HEY! OUT OF THE WAY!

THAT'S THE SCARLET SPIDER! I WANT A SHOT AT HIM!

THIS IS NO CONTEST, GIRL. IT IS A JOB.

WE GET WHAT THE MASTER WANTS, AND WE GET OUT.

GRAHH!

OH MY! MR. KAINE!

RMBBLE

WAY TO TAKE ALL THE FUN OUT OF IT.

C'MON, BLONDIE. THE BOSS MAN WANTS YOU AND YOUR GO-GO BOOTS BACK HOME.

ZRKK

SORRY, MISS. WE MAY NOT HAVE SUPER-POWERS AT HORIZON...

...WHAT WE *DO* HAVE IS *INNOVATION.*

FLMP

THIS EXPERIMENTAL FIRE SUPPRESSANT MIGHT SLOW YOU DOWN.

EWW!

OR NOT.

THAT'S IT, OLD MAN! YOU'RE GETTIN' *ROASTED!*

NYET! THIS IS NOT WHAT PROFESSOR WARREN ASKED. JUST THE GIRL!

BUT--

AND THE SPIDER! HE'S A CLONE. HE MIGHT HOLD THE KEY TO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

AND ME!

WHAT? WE'RE TAKING REQUESTS NOW?

ZIP

OOH!

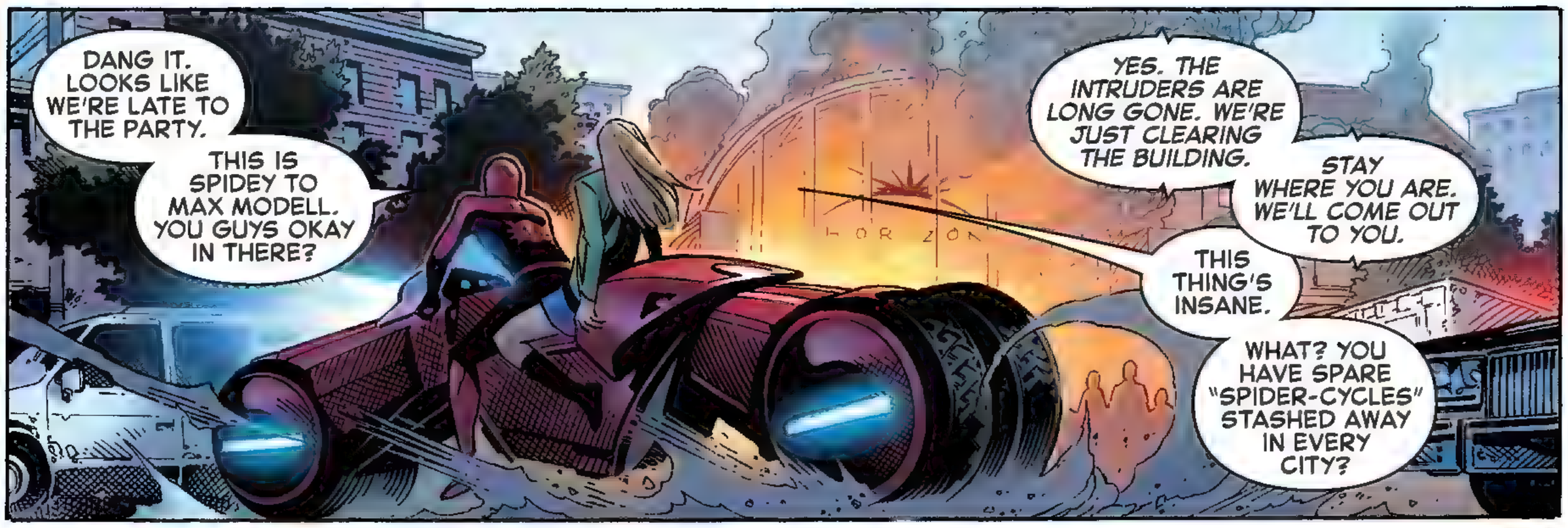
I'M A SCIENTIST. I'VE BEEN STUDYING HIM AND YOUR DRUG...

...AND I KNOW HOW BIG A PROBLEM YOU'VE GOT.

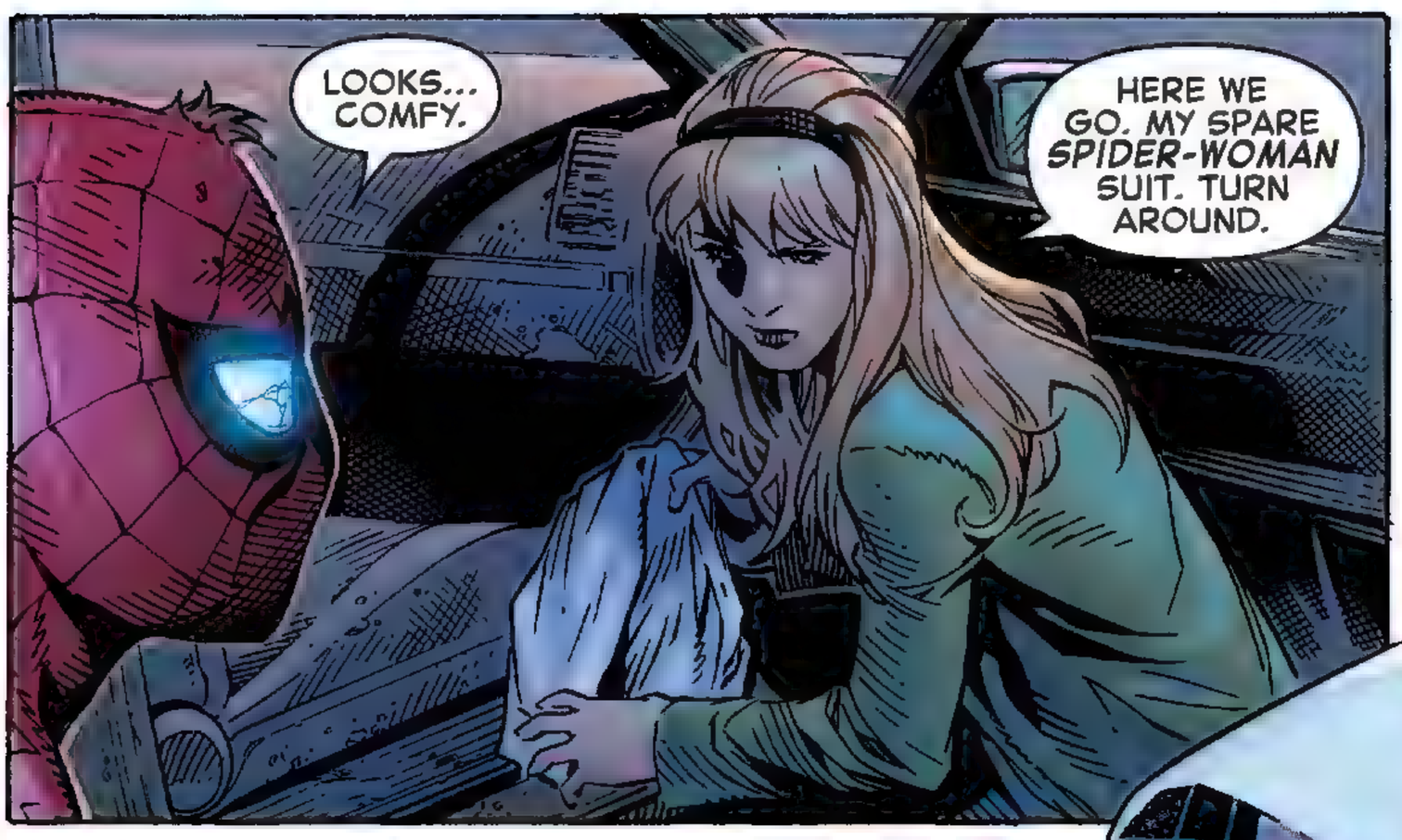
MILES? WE'RE HEADING BACK. YES...

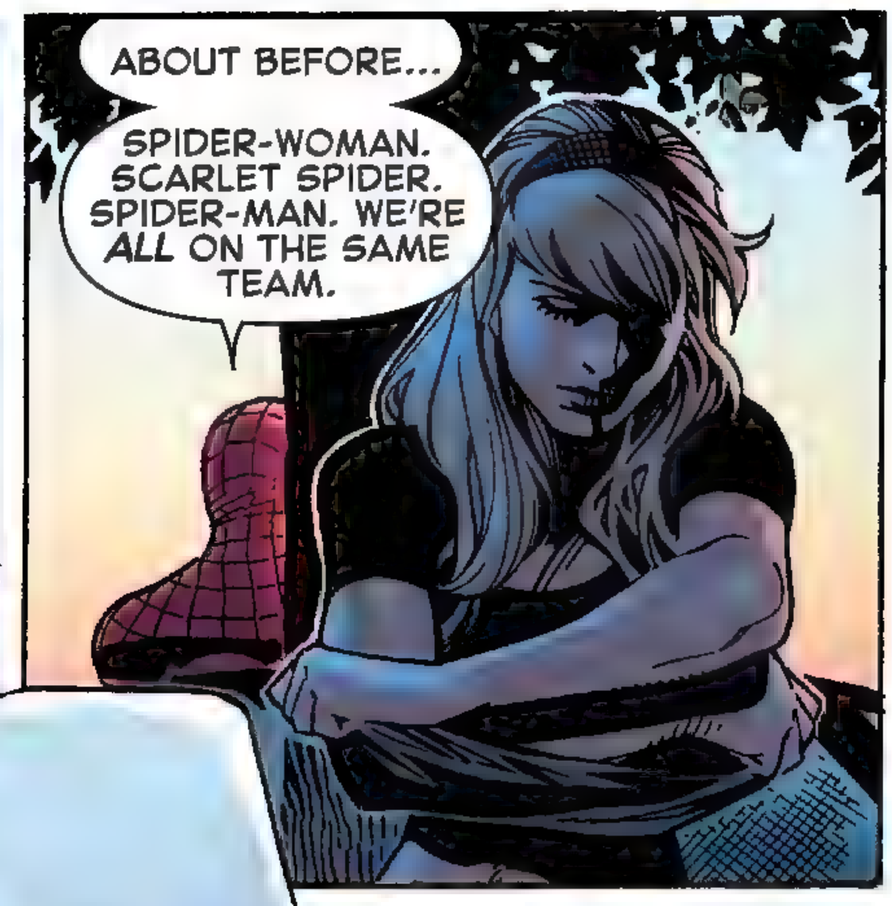
...THE TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL. IN FACT...

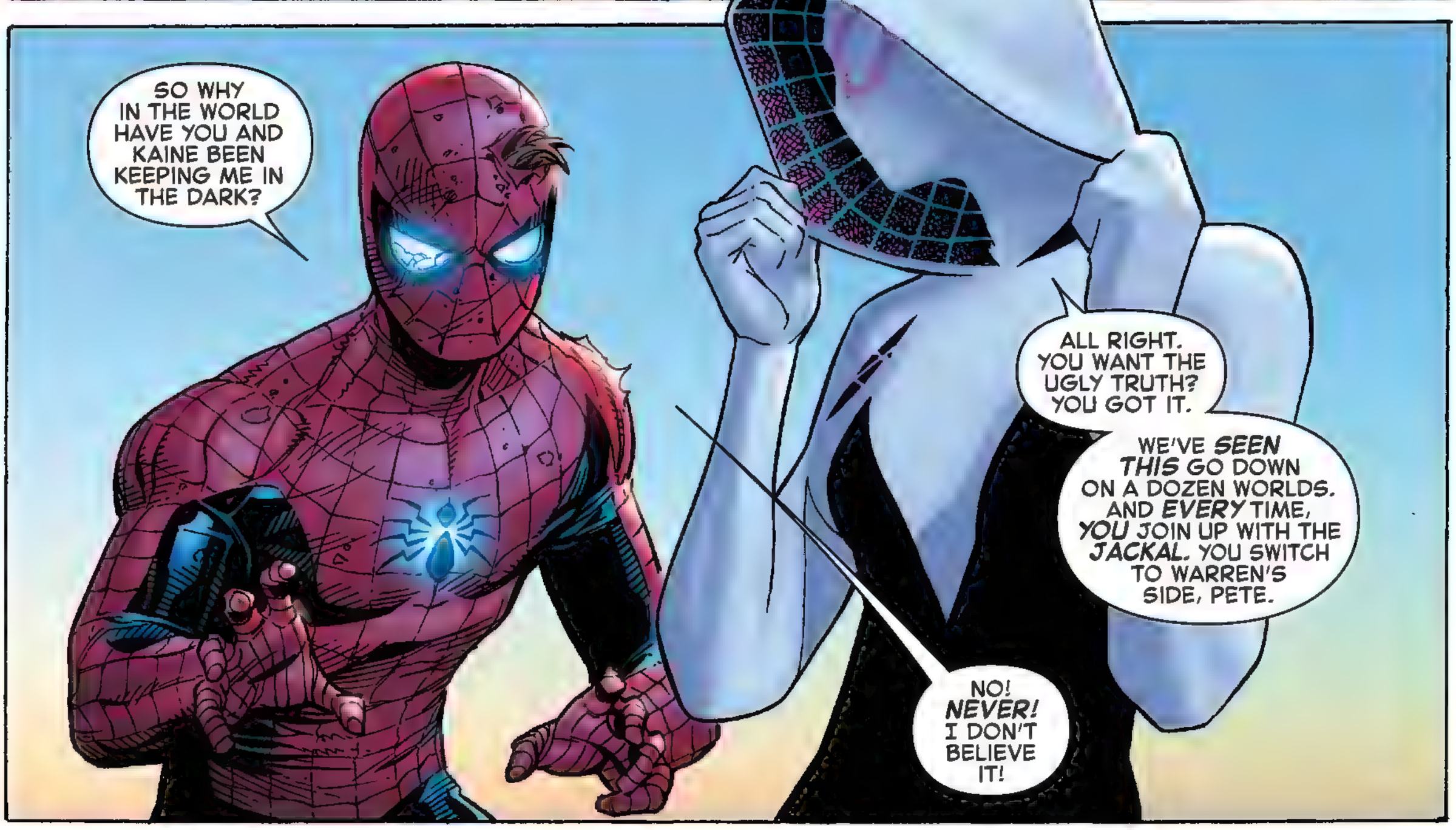
...WE'RE BRINGING GUESTS.

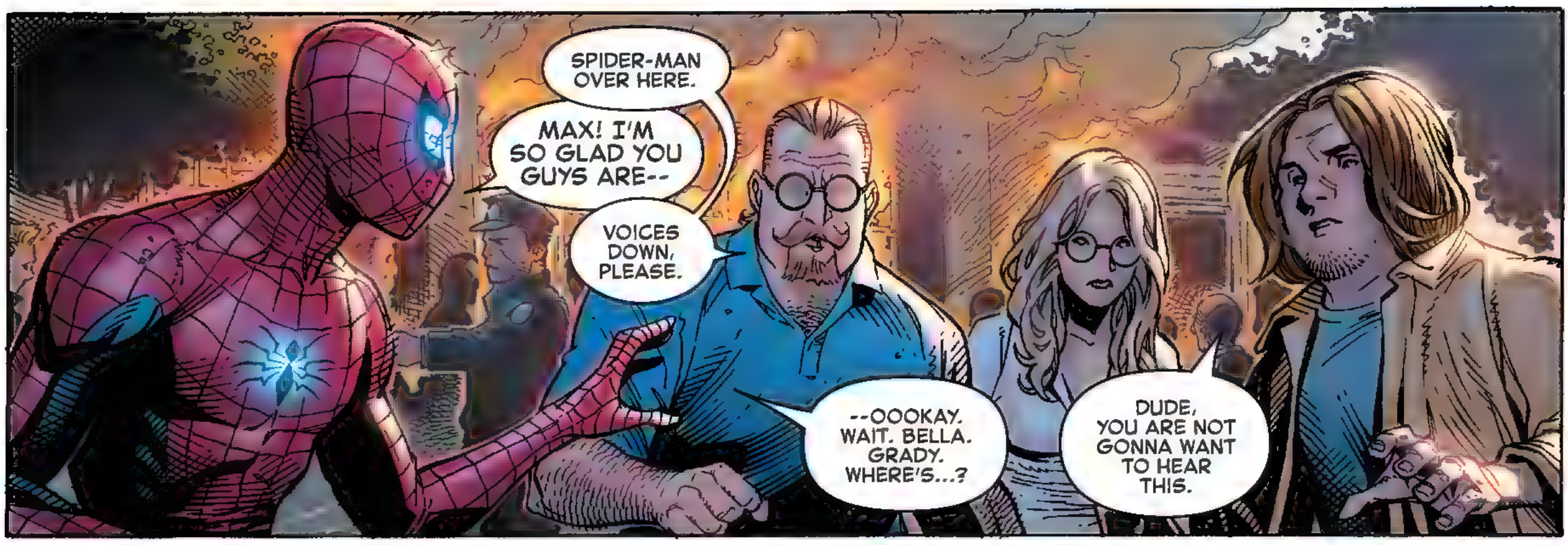

DANG IT. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE LATE TO THE PARTY.
THIS IS SPIDEY TO MAX MODELL. YOU GUYS OKAY IN THERE?
YES. THE INTRUDERS ARE LONG GONE. WE'RE JUST CLEARING THE BUILDING.
STAY WHERE YOU ARE. WE'LL COME OUT TO YOU.
THIS THING'S INSANE.
WHAT? YOU HAVE SPARE "SPIDER-CYCLES" STASHED AWAY IN EVERY CITY?

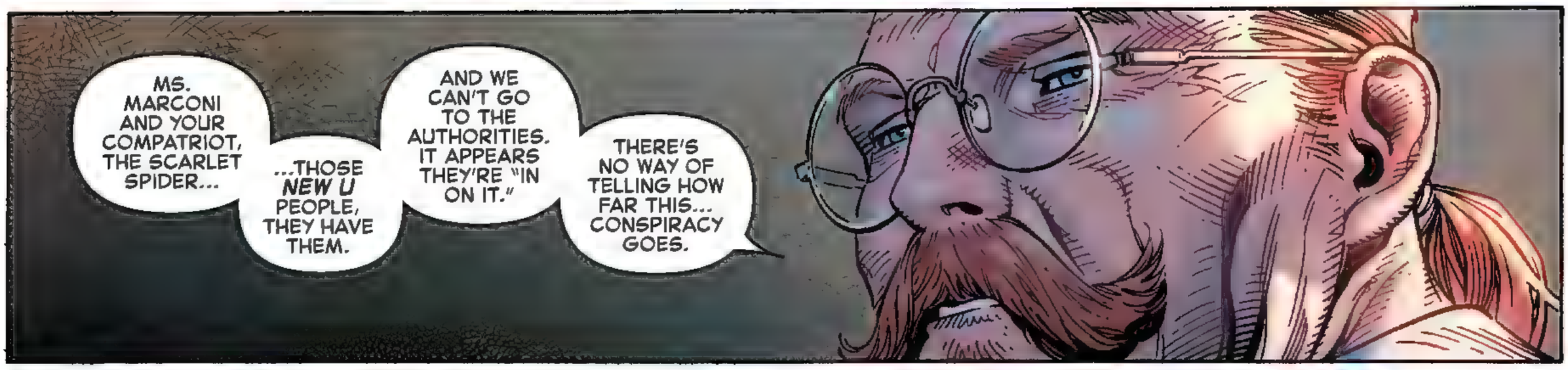
ONLY ONES WITH PARKER INDUSTRIES OFF-SITE GARAGES.
YOU MUST HAVE MONEY TO BURN.
FOR SPIDER-MAN STUFF. SURE.
YOU ARE SO NOT LIKE THE PETER PARKER FROM MY WORLD.
PEOPLE SAY THAT ABOUT ME AND THIS WORLD.
MEANWHILE, THIS PILE OF JUNK IS WHAT KAINE AND I HAVE BEEN USING.

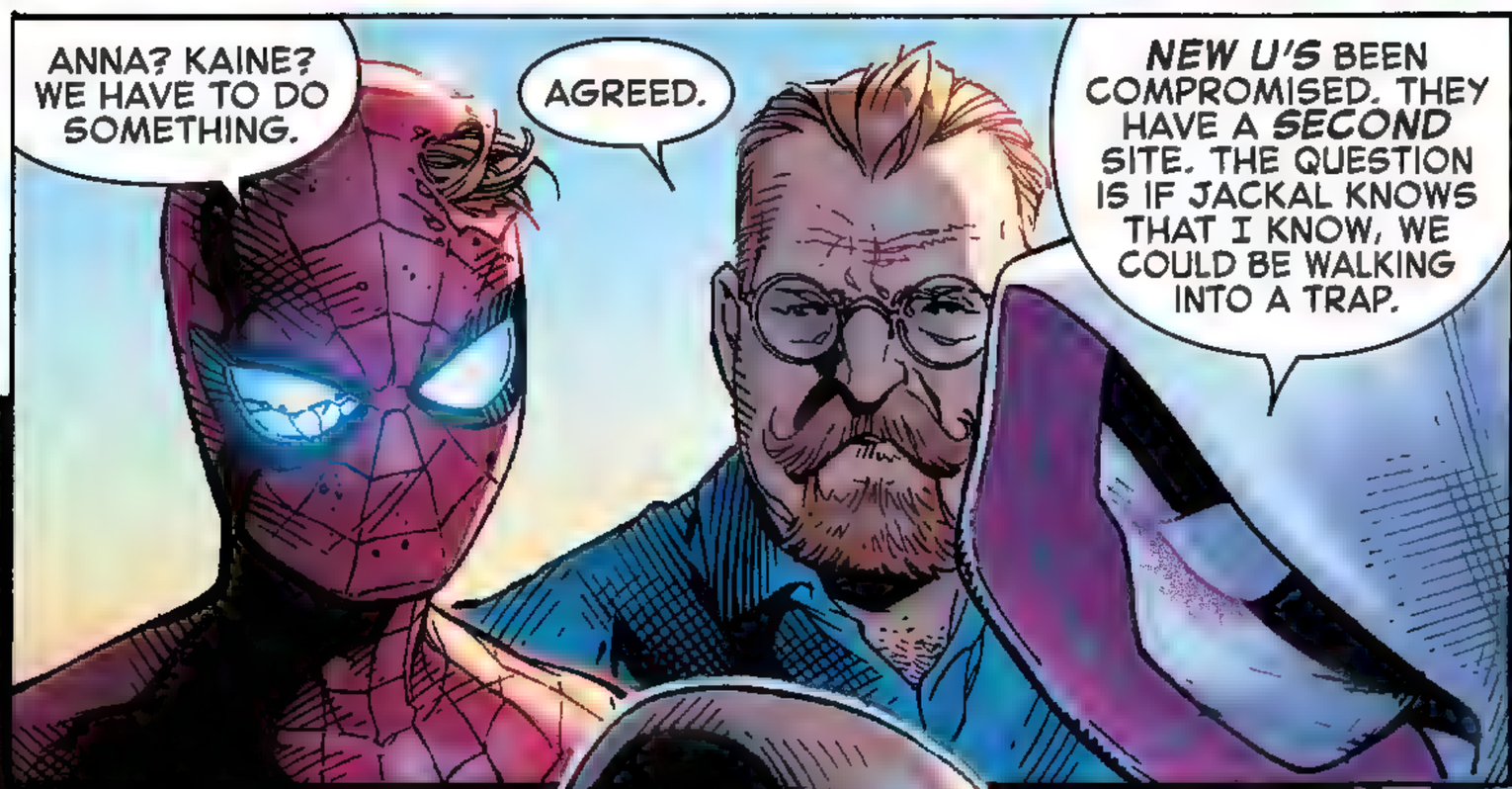

LOOKS... COMFY.
HERE WE GO. MY SPARE SPIDER-WOMAN SUIT. TURN AROUND.

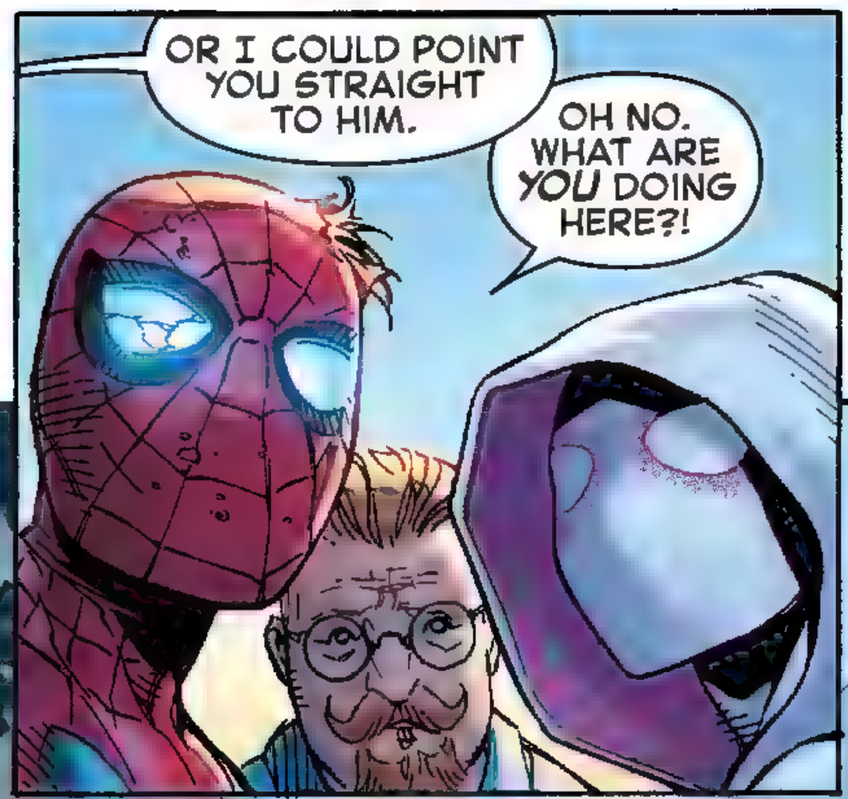

ABOUT BEFORE...
SPIDER-WOMAN. SCARLET SPIDER. SPIDER-MAN. WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM.


SO WHY IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU AND KAINE BEEN KEEPING ME IN THE DARK?
ALL RIGHT. YOU WANT THE UGLY TRUTH? YOU GOT IT.
WE'VE SEEN THIS GO DOWN ON A DOZEN WORLDS. AND EVERY TIME, YOU JOIN UP WITH THE JACKAL. YOU SWITCH TO WARREN'S SIDE, PETE.
NO! NEVER! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!







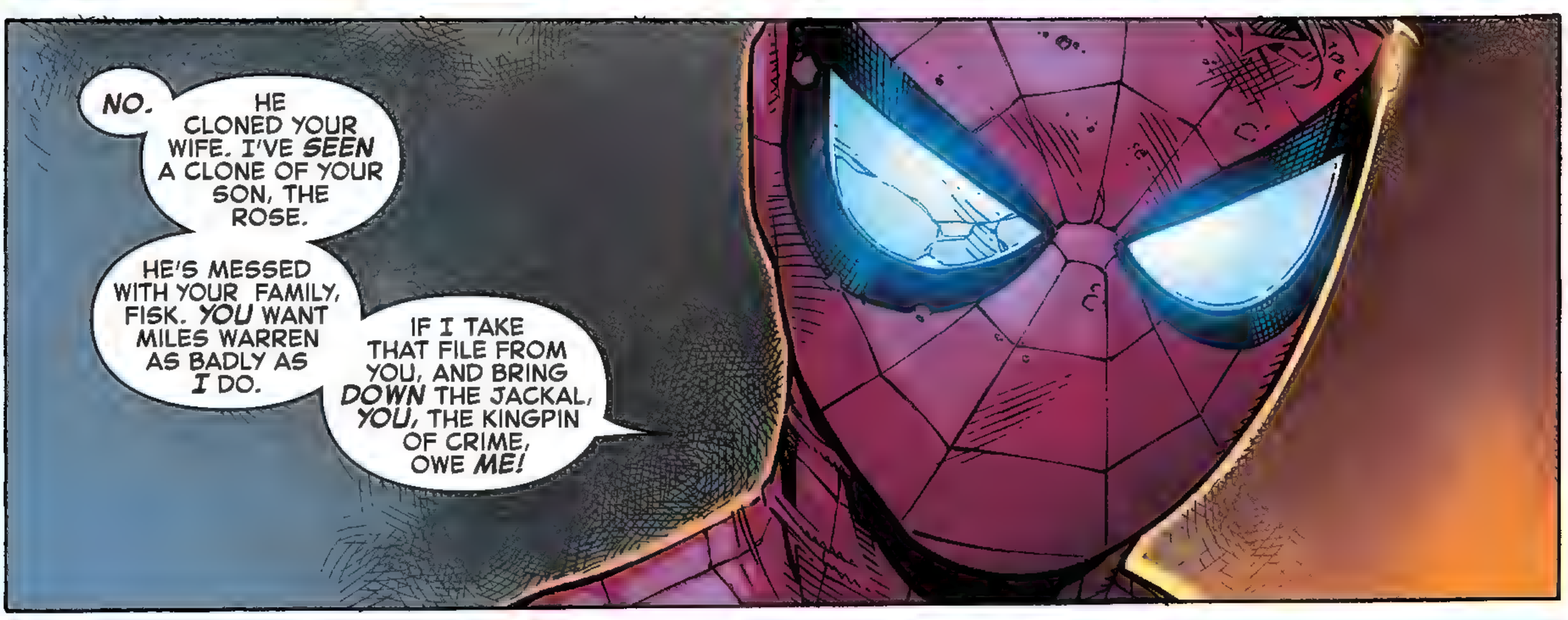


I WAS HAVING THE JACKAL'S MEN FOLLOWED. I KNEW THEY'D LEAD ME TO YOU, SPIDER.

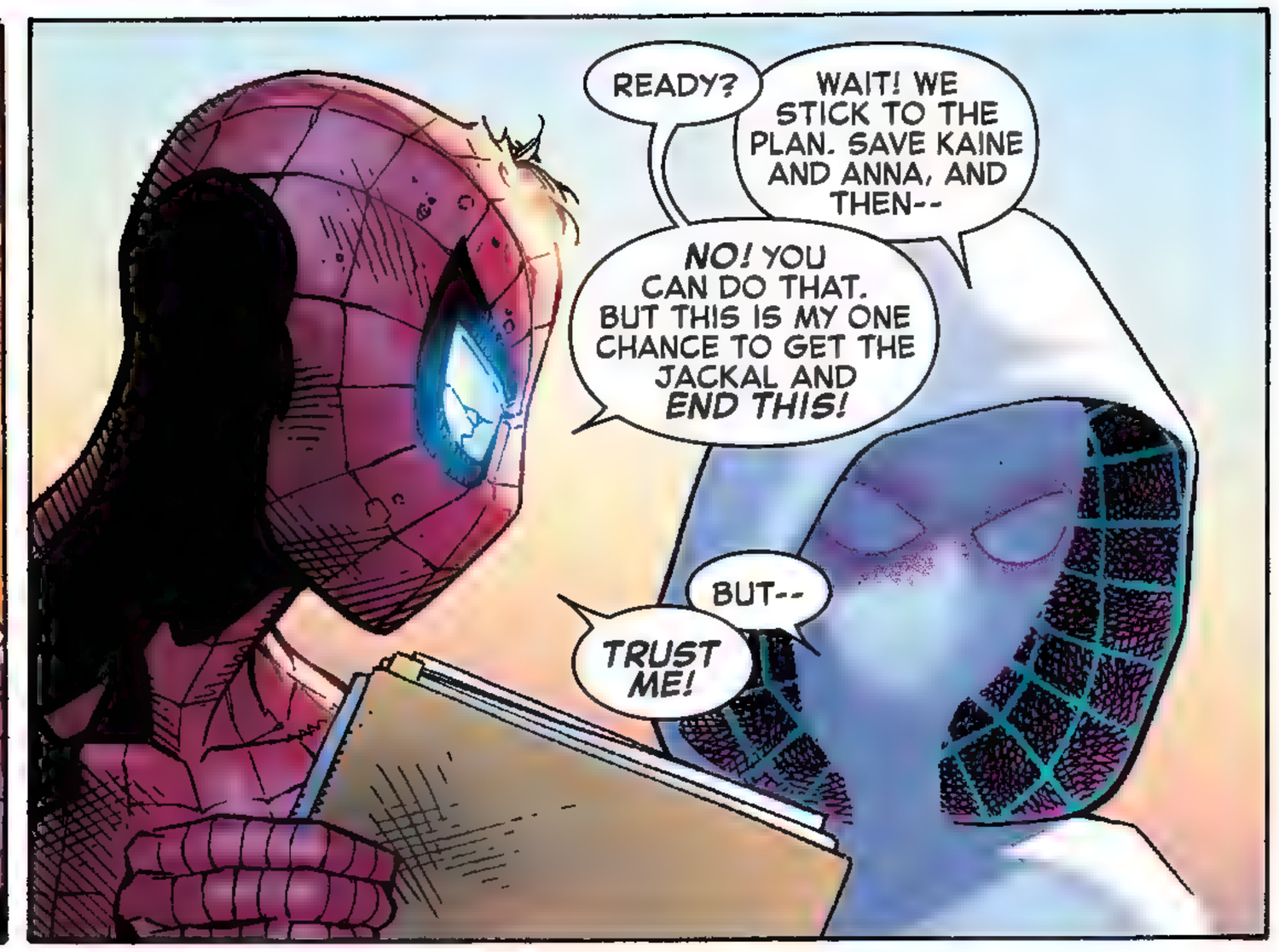
WILSON FISK. THE KINGPIN OF CRIME. MY SPIDER-SENSE MUST BE ON THE FRITZ TODAY.

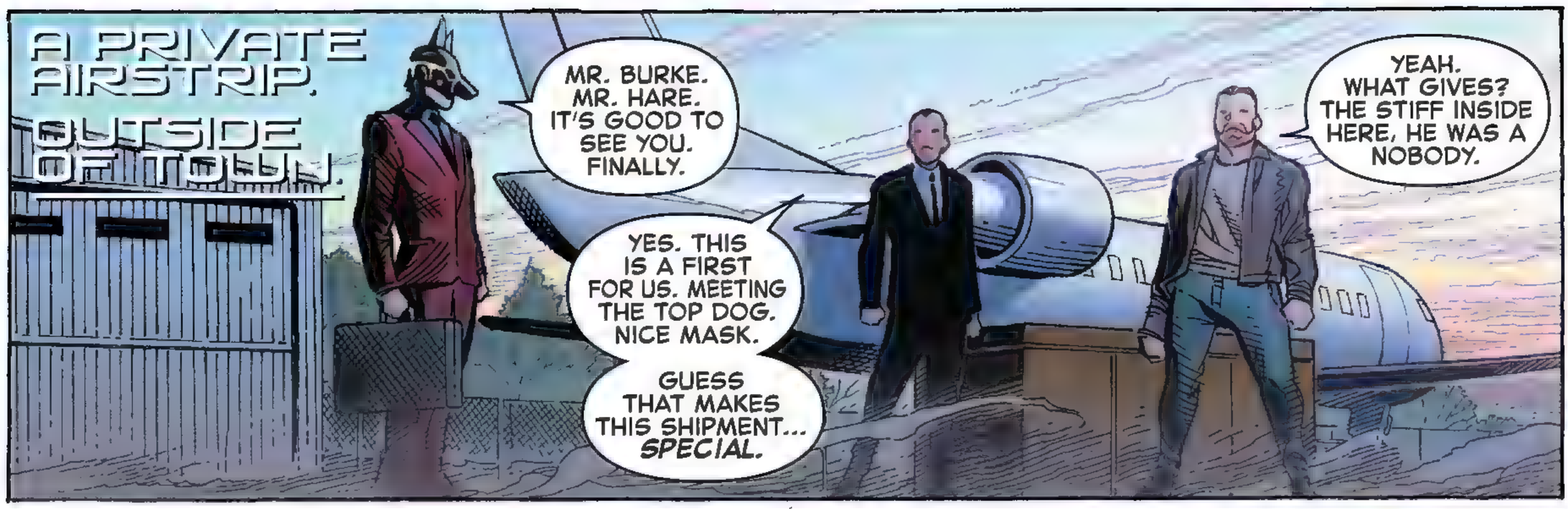
NONSENSE. I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY TODAY. FAR FROM IT. I'M HERE TO OFFER MY HELP.

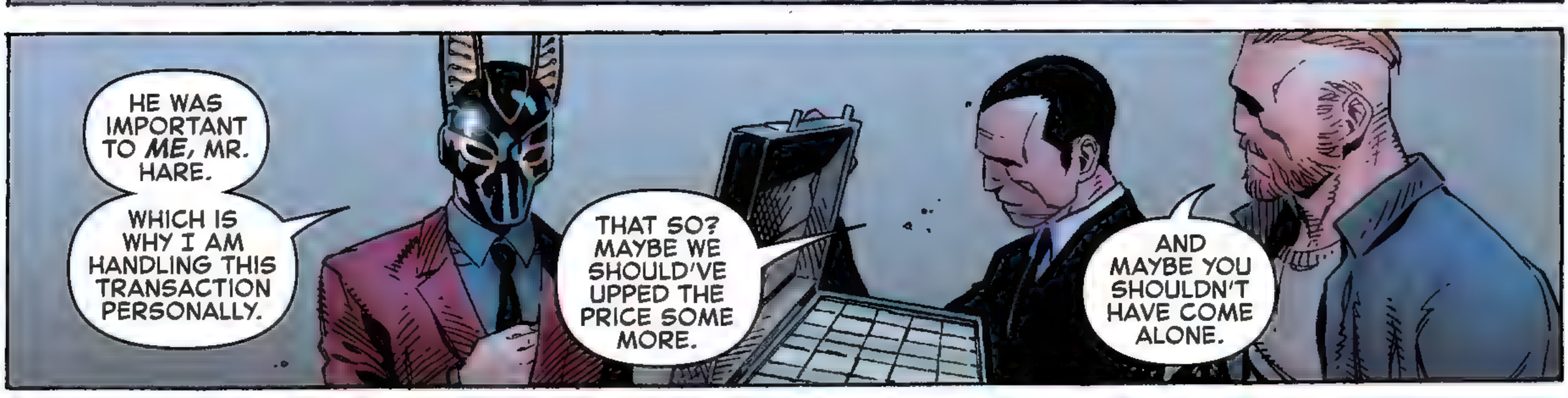
AS I WAS SAYING, I'VE BEEN KEEPING TABS ON THE JACKAL'S TRAIL SINCE...
...THAT UNPLEASANTNESS FROM A FEW WEEKS AGO.*
MOST NOTABLY, I'VE UNEARTHED THE UNDESIRABLES WHO DISTURBED MY LATE WIFE'S GRAVE.
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO'VE PROVIDED WARREN WITH THE GENETIC MATERIALS FOR HIS SICK EXPERIMENTS.
*SEE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #19 FOR THAT UNPLEASANTNESS. --ALLISON
AND HE'LL BE MEETING WITH THEM WITHIN THE HOUR.
THIS FOLDER CONTAINS THE LOCATION OF THAT MEETING. TAKE IT-- AND THE JACKAL IS YOURS.
BUT THEN YOU WILL OWE ME A FAVOR.


NO.
HE CLONED YOUR WIFE. I'VE SEEN A CLONE OF YOUR SON, THE ROSE.
HE'S MESSED WITH YOUR FAMILY, FISK. YOU WANT MILES WARREN AS BADLY AS I DO.
IF I TAKE THAT FILE FROM YOU, AND BRING DOWN THE JACKAL, YOU, THE KINGPIN OF CRIME, OWE ME!

...
TAKE IT.
YOU'RE WELCOME.


READY?
WAIT! WE STICK TO THE PLAN. SAVE KAINE AND ANNA, AND THEN--
NO! YOU CAN DO THAT. BUT THIS IS MY ONE CHANCE TO GET THE JACKAL AND END THIS!
BUT--
TRUST ME!


A PRIVATE AIRSTRIP. OUTSIDE OF TOKYO.
MR. BURKE. MR. HARE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU. FINALLY.
YES. THIS IS A FIRST FOR US. MEETING THE TOP DOG. NICE MASK.
GUESS THAT MAKES THIS SHIPMENT... SPECIAL.
YEAH. WHAT GIVES? THE STIFF INSIDE HERE, HE WAS A NOBODY.

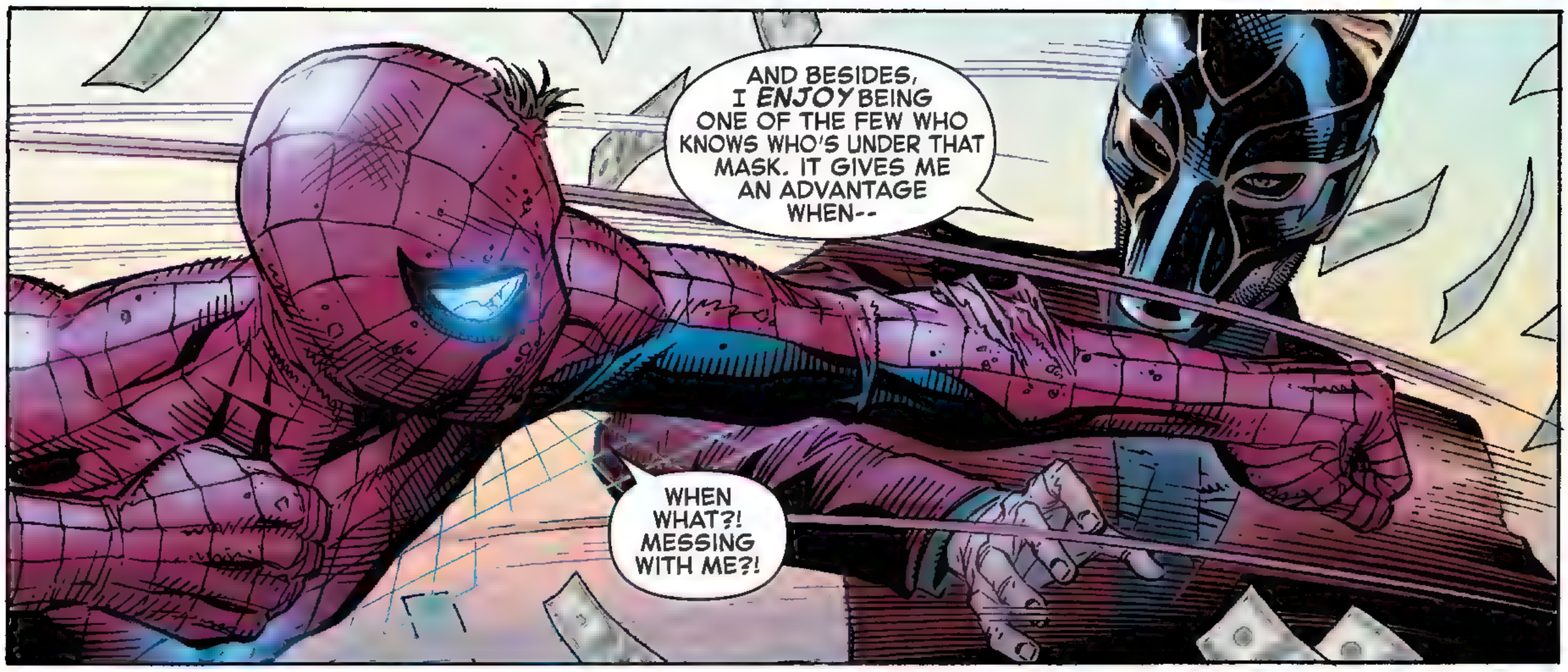

HE WAS IMPORTANT TO ME, MR. HARE.
WHICH IS WHY I AM HANDLING THIS TRANSACTION PERSONALLY.
THAT SO? MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE UPPED THE PRICE SOME MORE.
AND MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME ALONE.

HE DIDN'T!

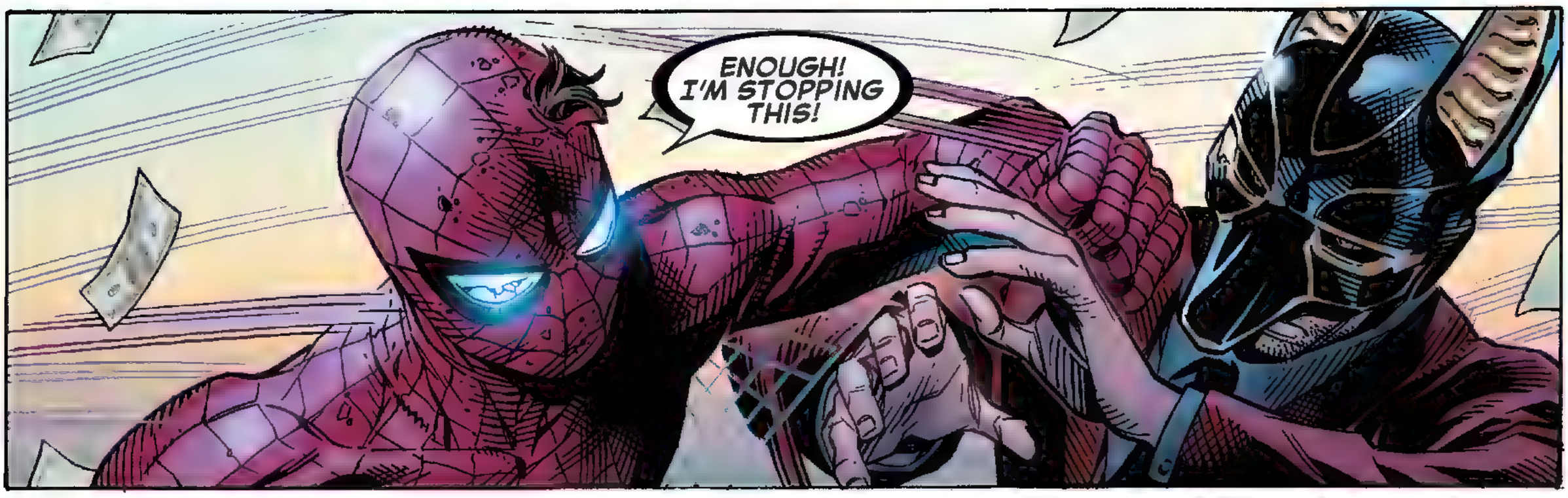
NOT THAT WE'RE TOGETHER.
HELL, I WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD WITH HIM.
SPEAKING OF CATCHING... IMPACT WEBS!
THWOP
THWOP
THWOP
THWOP
THWOP
THWOP

SPIDER-MAN! THERE YOU ARE. THANKS.
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO DEAL WITH THESE MEN MYSELF.
WHUK
THWAK
STOP IT! I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU, WARREN!
NO MORE PLAYING AROUND!
REALLY? IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE MY HIGH SCHOOL DAYS...
...BUT THIS FEELS AN AWFUL LOT LIKE DODGE-BALL, MR. PARKER.

SHUT UP!
IS THIS ABOUT YOUR SECRET IDENTITY?
DON'T WORRY. BOTH OF THOSE MEN APPEAR QUITE UNCONSCIOUS.

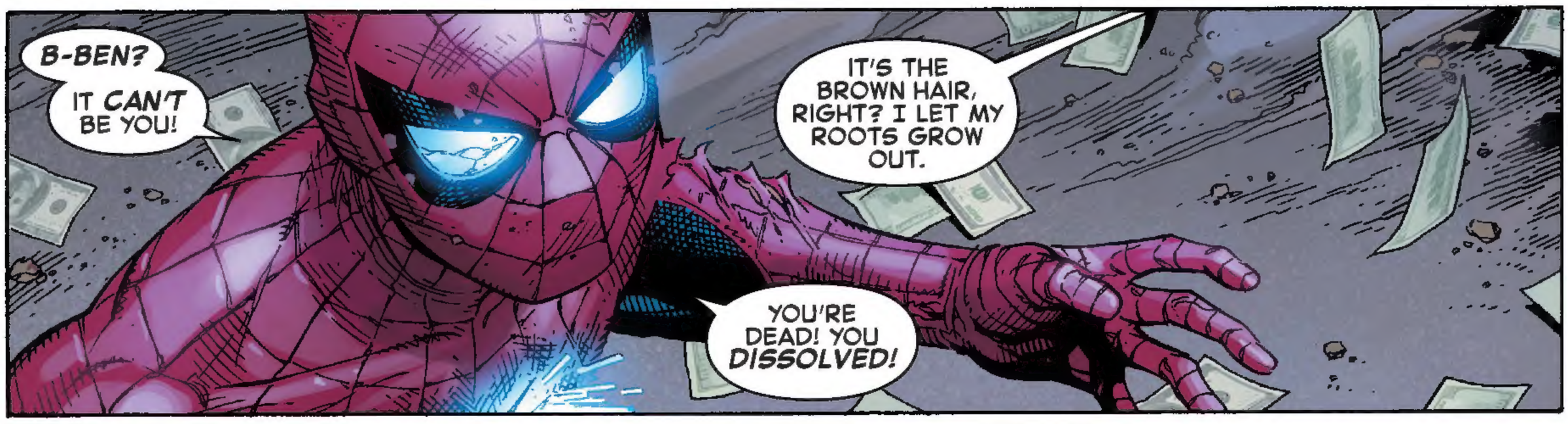

AND BESIDES, I *ENJOY* BEING ONE OF THE FEW WHO KNOWS WHO'S UNDER THAT MASK. IT GIVES ME AN ADVANTAGE WHEN--
WHEN WHAT?! MESSING WITH ME?!

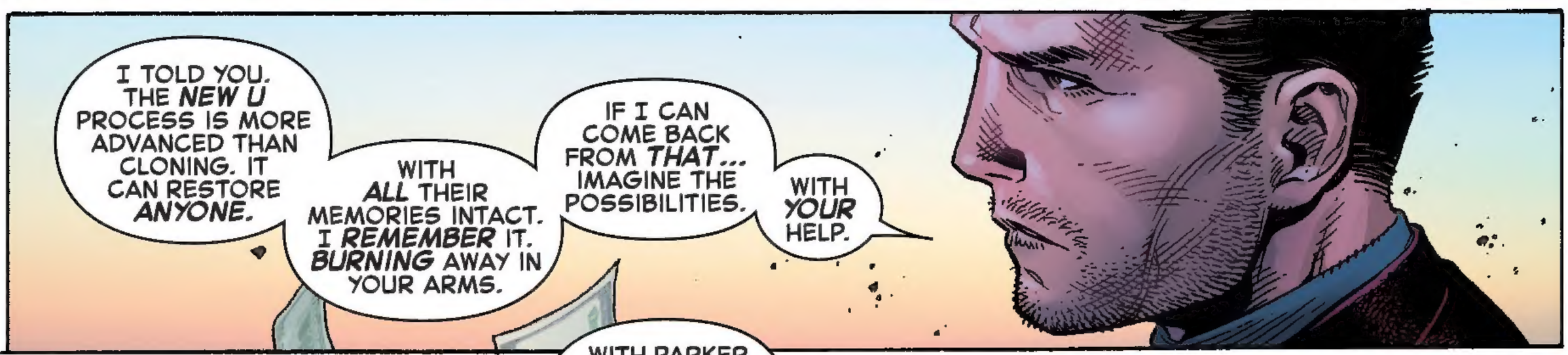
TURNING MY LIFE UPSIDE DOWN?!
BRINGING MY LOVED ONES--
--AND WORST ENEMIES *BACK FROM THE DEAD!*
ALL FOR SOME *SICK KICKS!*
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL. IF YOU'D JUST LISTEN--

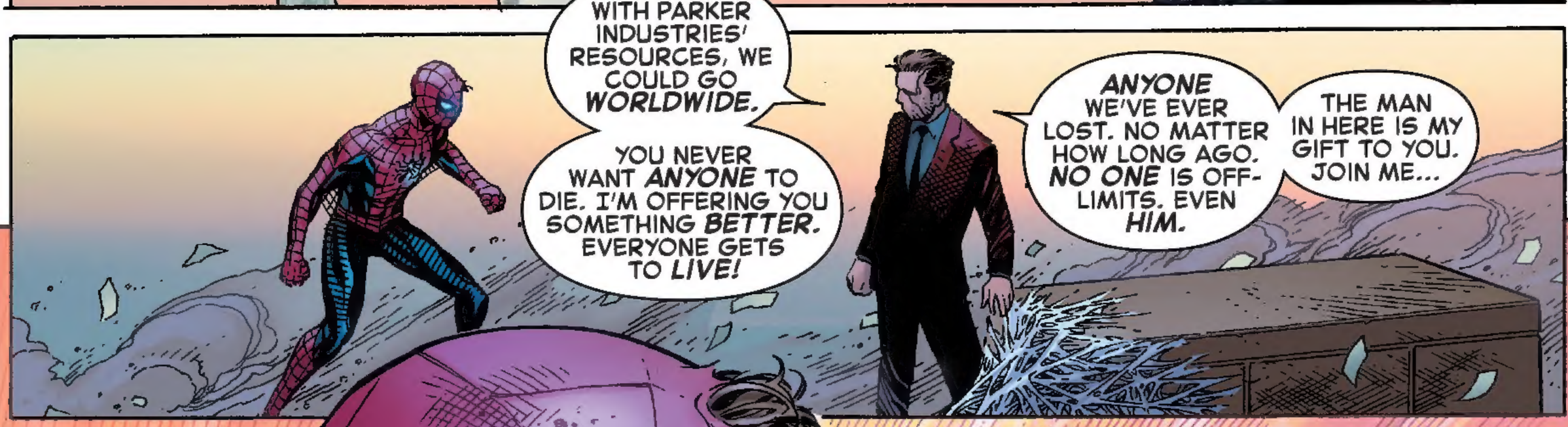

ENOUGH! I'M STOPPING THIS!

RIGHT HERE! RIGHT N--
WAPP
OW!
KRAK
NO! THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN THIS STRONG! THIS FAST! HOW--?
I'M NO STRONGER OR FASTER THAN YOU ARE.
BUT YOU'RE JUST SOME CRAZY, MAD SCIENTIST IN A STUPID RED SUIT!
PLEASE, PETER. THIS IS DARKER THAN RED.
IT'S MORE OF A...

...SCARLET.
IT'S ME, PETER. BEN REILLY.
YOUR BROTHER FROM ANOTHER BLOOD CELL.


B-BEN?
IT CAN'T BE YOU!
IT'S THE BROWN HAIR, RIGHT? I LET MY ROOTS GROW OUT.
YOU'RE DEAD! YOU DISSOLVED!


I TOLD YOU. THE NEW U PROCESS IS MORE ADVANCED THAN CLONING. IT CAN RESTORE ANYONE.
WITH ALL THEIR MEMORIES INTACT. I REMEMBER IT. BURNING AWAY IN YOUR ARMS.
IF I CAN COME BACK FROM THAT... IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES.
WITH YOUR HELP.


WITH PARKER INDUSTRIES' RESOURCES, WE COULD GO WORLDWIDE.
YOU NEVER WANT ANYONE TO DIE. I'M OFFERING YOU SOMETHING BETTER. EVERYONE GETS TO LIVE!
ANYONE WE'VE EVER LOST. NO MATTER HOW LONG AGO. NO ONE IS OFF-LIMITS. EVEN HIM.
THE MAN IN HERE IS MY GIFT TO YOU. JOIN ME...

...AND TOGETHER WE'LL BRING BACK UNCLE BEN.
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WHAT AN ENDING!

With that, True Believers, the one and only Ben Reilly is back in the Marvel Universe, and mm-MMM, is it swell.

Ever since I was a kid, the Scarlet Spider has been my favorite Spider-Hero. Move over, Peter Parker. Step aside, Kaine. Blue-hoodie-wearin', web-ball-shooting, mulleted wall-crawler Ben Reilly comin' through!

I couldn't tell you why, but something about Ben always resonated with me, and his return has been a long time coming. Over the course of the last few years, Dan Slott has been pouring his heart and soul into Spider-Man, and one of the biggest payoffs his blood, sweat, and tears is the issue you're holding in your hands right now.

I'm sure you need a moment to catch your breath, so inhale, exhale, and remember to let us know how we're doing at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM and don't miss our next issue.

Trust me when I say–THINGS GET CRAZIER.

OVER AND OUT!

–DEVIN
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